

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 39 without prejudice, and amend claims 24, 31, 32, 37 and 38 as follows:

1-23. (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A structure comprising:

a first loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the first loop member having an upper side;

a second loop member having ~~an upper side~~, an expanded position and a collapsed position;

wherein the first and second loop members overlap each other at first and second overlapping points that are spaced apart along the first and second loop members; [[and]]

a third loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the third loop member coupled to the upper side of the first loop member; ~~and~~

~~a fourth loop member adapted to assume an expanded position and a collapsed position, the fourth loop member coupled to the upper side of the second loop member.~~

25. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 24, wherein each of the first and second overlapping points defines a hinge portion about which the first and second loop members are pivotable.

26. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 25, wherein the first and second loop members are foldable on top of each other about the hinge portion to have the first and second loop members overlaying each other, and wherein the overlaying first and second loop members are collapsible to the collapsed positions by twisting and folding to form a plurality of concentric rings to substantially reduce the size of the structure in the collapsed position.

27. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 25, wherein the hinge portion is positioned generally horizontally with respect to a support surface.

28. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 24, further including:
a first fabric that covers a portion of the first loop member;
a second fabric that covers a portion of the second loop member; and
wherein the first fabric crosses the second fabric.

29. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 28, wherein the first loop member and the first fabric define a first panel, and the second loop member and the second fabric define a second panel.

30. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 29, wherein the second panel is positioned at an angle with respect to the first panel.

31. (Currently Amended) [[The structure of claim 28,]] A structure comprising:
a first loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the first loop member having an upper side;

a second loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position;
wherein the first and second loop members overlap each other at first and second overlapping points that are spaced apart along the first and second loop members;

a third loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the third loop member coupled to the upper side of the first loop member;

a first fabric that covers a portion of the first loop member;

a second fabric that covers a portion of the second loop member;

wherein the first fabric crosses the second fabric; and

wherein the hinge portion further includes a stitch line connecting the first and second fabrics and extending from about the first overlapping point to about the second overlapping point.

32. (Currently Amended) [[The structure of claim 28,]] A structure comprising:
a first loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the first loop member having an upper side;

a second loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position;

wherein the first and second loop members overlap each other at first and second overlapping points that are spaced apart along the first and second loop members;

a third loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the third loop member coupled to the upper side of the first loop member;

a first fabric that covers a portion of the first loop member;

a second fabric that covers a portion of the second loop member;

wherein the first fabric crosses the second fabric; and

[[further including]] a loop retaining portion provided along the first and second fabrics for retaining the respective loop member.

33. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 29, wherein the first panel lies completely in the same first plane.

34. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 33, wherein the second panel lies completely in the same second plane.

35. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 34, wherein the first and second planes intersect each other.

36. (Previously Presented) The structure of claim 34, wherein the first and second planes are perpendicular to each other.

37. (Currently Amended) [[The structure of claim 28,]] A structure comprising:
a first loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the first loop member having an upper side;

a second loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position;
wherein the first and second loop members overlap each other at first and second overlapping points that are spaced apart along the first and second loop members;

a third loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the third loop member coupled to the upper side of the first loop member;

a first fabric that covers a portion of the first loop member;

a second fabric that covers a portion of the second loop member;

wherein the first fabric crosses the second fabric; and [[further including:]]
a third fabric that covers a portion of the third loop member.

38. (Currently Amended) [[The structure of claim 26,]] A structure comprising:
a first loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the
first loop member having an upper side;
a second loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position;
wherein the first and second loop members overlap each other at first and
second overlapping points that are spaced apart along the first and second loop
members;
a third loop member having an expanded position and a collapsed position, the
third loop member coupled to the upper side of the first loop member;
wherein the first and second loop members are foldable on top of each other
about the hinge portion to have the first and second loop members overlaying each
other; and
wherein the third loop member is foldable on top of the first and second loop
members to have the three loop members overlaying each other, and wherein the
overlaying loop members are collapsible to the collapsed positions by twisting and
folding to form a plurality of concentric rings to substantially reduce the size of the
structure in the collapsed position.

39. (Canceled).